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Mayor William L. Hogle of Burlingame, Kansas, signs his Christian Endeavor Week proclamation, surrounded by members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Federated Church. Curtis Stout, president of the society, gave the morning message when this group led the church worship service on January 28. Rev. J. B. Shelton is the minister.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary . . . .

IT'S SYDNEY IN 1962

What promises to be one of the truly significant World's Christian Endeavor Conventions in the history of the movement will be held at Sydney, New South Wales, AUSTRALIA, August 16-21. The World's Christian Endeavor Union has accepted the enthusiastic and gracious invitation of the Australian National Christian Endeavor Union to hold the 14th World's Christian Endeavor Convention in that great "down under" continent. Some of the finest and most spacious facilities in Sydney are being booked for the gathering in August.

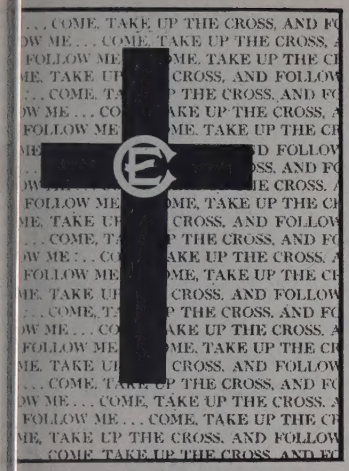
For some time now local committees under the dedicated and able leadership of Rev. L. G. Bennett have been working to make arrangements for our coming to Sydney. George H. Nelson, vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, is heading up a world-wide Program Committee to develop an attractive and dynamic schedule of activities for the convention. The theme will be "Jesus Christ—the Way."

Begin making plans right now to share in the blessed experience of this world-wide fellowship. The International Society of Christian Endeavor is sponsoring a Round-the-Pacific Fellowship Tour. We leave San Francisco's International Airport early in the morning, Friday, August 3, with stops in Tokyo, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland, Rotorua, Fiji, Honolulu, arriving back in San Francisco on the evening of September 2. The price—an economical $2,325. A deposit of $200 will assure a place for you.

YOUR WILL!

Have you completed your Will? Is yours a Christian Will? Making your Will is a sacred privilege afforded you. Remember the International Society of Christian Endeavor in your Will. Consult your lawyer. Write to the General Secretary, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Harold Westerhoff



Christian Endeavor's 81st BIRTHDAY

Reports of the observance of Christian Endeavor Week 1962

ARLY REPORTS of the observance of Christian Endeavor Week Jan- ry 28 through February 4 indicate a riety of activities. Here are high lights those events which were reported to ristian Endeavor Headquarters before ess time.

Additional reports, with photos, will pear in the April 1962 issue of THE RISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. So- ties and unions are urged to send com- ete information to the editor by March

ASSACHUSETTS — Endeavorers 270 ong participated in the anniversary serv- February 4 at Park Street Congrega- nal Church, Boston. A group attended m Connecticut, headed by Rev. Willard Thomen, New England regional vice- esident. The youth challenge on "When Man Is Free!" was given by Rev. Arthur Rouner, Jr., pastor of Eliot Church (Con- egational) of Newton.

EW YORK—Junior and Senior Endeavor- s of Hope United Presbyterian Church, rrytown, took charge of the morning serv- February 4. Mrs. Kenneth Ritchie, ad- sor, reports an unusually high attendance, th 19 youth participating. The Junior ristian Endeavor Choir sang and messages re given by Robert Duda, Lenore Lucey, d Jay Higle. A birthday banquet is set r March 17.

ASHINGTON, D.C. — Golden Rule En- avorers enjoyed their anniversary banquet bruary 1 at the Burlington Hotel. Speaker as James R. Westerhoff of New Jersey, iddle Atlantic regional vice-president. den E. Imus, Jr., told of plans for the ternational Convention in Washington in 63. Joseph A. Barnes is Golden Rule esident.

mes R. Westerhoff addresses Golden Rule En- avorers at their birthday banquet.

KANSAS—Endeavorers of the Federated Church, Burlingame, led the January 28 worship with President Curtis Stout giving the message. A banquet was held February 11 for all youth. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Towse are sponsors.

NEW JERSEY—The Senior Christian Endeavor Society of First Presbyterian Church, Passaic, received special recognition in the February 4 church service. Christian Endeavor was organized in this church in 1887. Current president is Kent Wall; advisors are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wuensch. Dr. George H. Talbott is pastor.

PENNSYLVANIA—Junior and High School Endeavorers of First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, led the church school worship February 4 and were also in charge of the morning church service. Emily Kozar is president of the High School Society. At noon both groups enjoyed a fellowship dinner with the popular Arch J. McQuilkin of Philadelphia as guest speaker. Dr. William W. McKinney is minister.

MICHIGAN—Members of the Christian Endeavor Youth Fellowship of Nardin Park Reformed Church, Detroit, held a Youth Night service February 4. Approximately 35 youth participated, with the youth choir presenting special music. Messages were given by Woody Hughes, Barb Riley, and Carol Tysen. Richard Stadt is assistant pastor.

OHIO—Endeavorers of the United Brethren Church, Sherwood, held a singspiration February 4, with many youth participating. The film, "Teenagers Crusade," was shown and the pastor, Rev. Willis Lechleidner, gave a sermonette.

PENNSYLVANIA—Primary, Junior, Junior High and Senior High Endeavorers took part in the program Sunday evening, January 28, at Olivet Evangelical Congregational Church, Bethlehem. Featured was a panel discussion on "Christ and the Church" led by Richard Gerber, moderator, and members of the High School society. Mrs. Russell Rodenbach is advisor; Rev. Bruce N. Hall is pastor.

NEW YORK—Christian Endeavor Week was a busy time for Endeavorers of the Kenmore United Presbyterian Church, near Buffalo. Nancy E. Lipscomb, director of Christian education, reports that on January 28 the youth (Junior High through Young Adult) participated in both morning services, conducted visitation in the early afternoon, held special youth meetings, took part in the evening service, and held a singspiration and fellowship period after the evening service. January 31 these young people conducted the mid-week prayer meeting and on February 4 they taught Sunday school classes (beginners through Junior High) and conducted the evening service.

Alden Imus Heads Capital Area Convention Committee, Phil Reed Is Associate Chairman for Washington 1963

Alden E. Imus, Jr., of Silver Spring, Maryland, is the general chairman for the Capital Area Convention Committee. Phil C. Reed of Washington, D.C., has been named the associate chairman.

These two men will head up the local group as it makes plans to entertain thousands of Endeavorers at the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention in the Nation's Capital July 2-6, 1963.

Mr. Imus is vice-president of a civil engineering and surveying firm in Wheaton, Maryland. He holds a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Maryland and is a veteran of five years' service in the Army Engineers as an officer in the Pacific Theater. Currently he is treasurer of the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers.

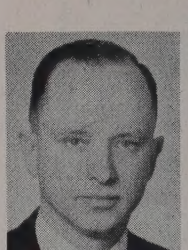
At Mt. Rainier Christian Church in Mt. Rainier, Maryland, Mr. Imus is an elder and Sunday school teacher, as well as advisor to the young people's Christian Endeavor society. He formerly served as chairman of the board.

A native of Washington, Mr. Imus has been active in Christian Endeavor since 1936. He is a member of the Finance Committee and the Board of Trustees of the International Society. In the past he has served as president of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union and as vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Middle Atlantic Region.

Mr. Imus's wife, Lois, shares his active interest in church and Christian Endeavor activities. She is formerly from Eastern Oregon. They have two children, Elizabeth (14) and Benny (4).

Mr. Reed, the associate chairman of the local committee, is employed as a warehouse foreman. He is a member of First Baptist Church of West Washington, where he is church school superintendent and a member of the board of trustees. He is also a member of the Baptist Educational Congress of Washington.

Mr. Reed is a former president and field secretary of the Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union of Washington and a former treasurer of the Middle Atlantic Region.



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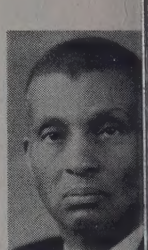


Phil C. Reed

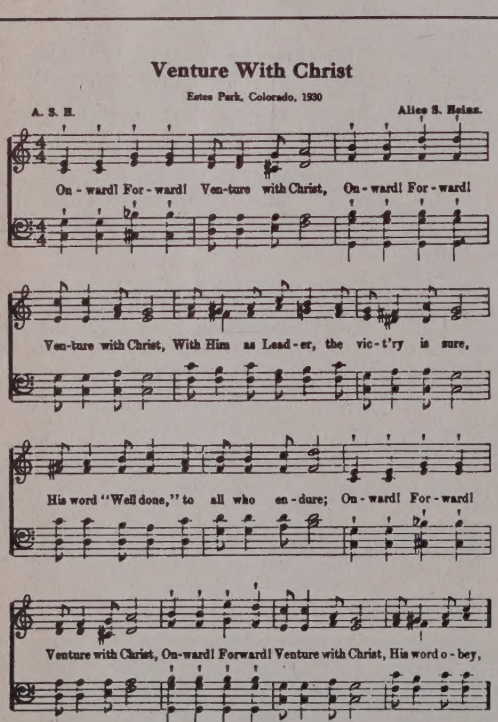
Born in Arkansas, Mr. Reed gradu from high school in Galveston, Texas. served 20 months in the United States A during World War II. He is married has one daughter, Carol Anne (14).

The Capital Area Convention Comm is meeting regularly. All members of Executive Committee have been appoi and plans for local arrangements are ting under way.

Venture With Christ

Estes Park, Colorado, 1930

A. S. H. — Alice S. Heins


On - ward! For - ward! Ven-ture with Christ, On - ward! For - ward!
Ven-ture with Christ, With Him as Lead - er, the vic - t'ry is sure,
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Venture with Christ, On-ward! Forward! Venture with Christ, His word o - bey,
He'll be with you al - way, Ven-ture, O ven-ture with Christ.

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VENTURE WITH CHRIST

"Come, take up the cross, and follow me" (Mark 10:21)

——EVANGELIZE

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)

1. By living for Christ (Romans 12:1)
2. By speaking for Christ (Acts 18:9,10)
3. By working for Christ (James 1:22)

——TRAIN

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6)

1. Through personal devotional life (I Chronicles 16:11)
2. Through active participation (I Timothy 4:12)
3. Through leadership training (II Timothy 2:15)
4. Through acceptance of larger responsibilities (Luke 2:52)
5. Through higher education (I Timothy 4:15, 16)

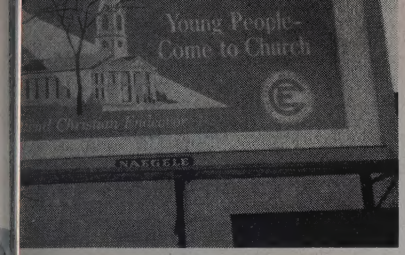
——SERVE

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be; if any man serve me, him will my Father honor" (John 12:26)

1. In home life (Luke 22:27)
2. In the local church (Colossians 3:23, 24)
3. In the church universal (Romans 12:5)
4. In Christian citizenship (I Peter 2:13-17)

The program outlined above is based on the current biennial theme of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. The basic material was prepared by the Youth Assembly, composed of representative youth from all over North America.

For an expanded outline, with specific suggestions for action, write to the International Society for a free copy of the folder "A Vital Program for Youth."



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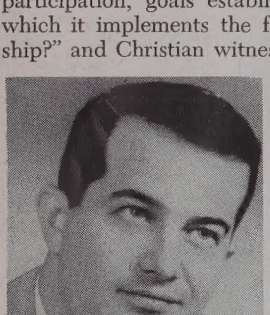
MEET THE JUDGES

Judges for Christian Endeavor's 1962 Citizenship Awards Program will include Rev. Harold E. Davidson, Mrs. Golda M. Edmonston, and Rev. Robert W. McQuilkin, according to announcement made by Delno W. Brown, citizenship director of the International Society.

Winning societies in this year's competition will be announced on April 25. The Albert H. Diebold Awards will be presented Monday night, July 2, during the International Summer Assembly at Huntington College.

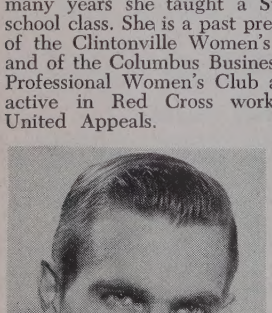
To enter the awards program a Christian Endeavor society was required to sponsor and report a completed Christian citizenship activity by February 5. Awards for the winning societies include cash, trips, plaques, and honor certificates. Top award is $200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of $200) for the expenses of one or more youth representatives of the winning society to attend the Summer Assembly.

The judges will evaluate each entry on the basis of group participation, goals established or achieved, the manner in which it implements the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and Christian witness to the community.



Rev. Harold E. Davidson of Hilliard, Ohio, has been chaplain at the Juvenile Diagnostic Center in Columbus since 1954. He was formerly pastor of the Como Avenue Evangelical United Brethren Church in Columbus. A graduate of Otterbein College, he holds a B.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary. He is a former chairman of the Youth Assembly of the International Society. Mr. Davidson is author of the book "Adolescence and Juvenile Delinquency." He is currently serving as president of the National Association of Training School Chaplains.

In her second year as a member of the Columbus City Council, Mrs. Golda M. Edmonston has served for ten years as a Representative to the General Assembly of Ohio. She is a member of Indianola Presbyterian Church where she participates in the women's association. In the past she has been very active in Christian Endeavor work, especially with Juniors. For many years she taught a Sunday school class. She is a past president of the Clintonville Women's Club and of the Columbus Business and Professional Women's Club and is active in Red Cross work and United Appeals.



Rev. Robert W. McQuilkin is minister of education at Worthington Presbyterian Church, Worthington, Ohio. A graduate of the College of Wooster, he earned the B.D. degree at McCormick Theological Seminary in 1960. Christian Endeavor activities in Pennsylvania include serving as a society president and as a county union officer. Mr. McQuilkin says he has "inherited the Christian Endeavor spirit and heritage" from his father, Arch J. McQuilkin. He is Columbus Presbytery chairman for enlistment and a member of synod's Christian Vocation Committee.

Administration Building, Huntington College

Come to Summer Assembl

Join the throng of Christian Endeavorers from across United States, Canada, and Mexico who will converge u Huntington College campus, Huntington, Indiana, for International Summer Assembly July 2-7 this year.

For five wonderful days Christian Endeavor youth a their adult leaders will participate in Bible classes and c cussion groups, conferences on Christian citizenship, ev gelism, and leadership training; recreation and informal s sions; and chapel and vesper services.

Outstanding speakers include Bishop Clyde W. Meado president of the International Society; Dr. Earle W. Gat immediate past president; and Dr. Elmer Becker, presid of Huntington College.

Other program personalities will be Timothy J. Kribs, sociate president of the International Society; Profes Robert W. Mueller of Huntington College; Robert C. Ro minister of the Christian Church of Brookfield, Illinois, a his wife, Nelda; Elwood Dunn, general secretary of t Michigan Christian Endeavor Union; and B. McClain Coc ran, general secretary of the Pennsylvania State Sabba School Association.

Accommodations for the Assembly are limited, with pr erence being given to registrations from youth under 25 un May 1.

For the entire Assembly the cost is just $30. Use the for below to make reservation early. For more information, wr to the International Society.

International Summer Assembly—July 2-7, 1962
Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana

Please reserve a place and register me for the International Summ Assembly. Here is $10.00 payment which will apply on my $30.00 f (including meals from Monday night dinner through Saturday breakfa and dormitory accommodations from Monday through Friday night

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Mail this reservation form and $10.00 to INTERNATIONAL SOCIET OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Oh

With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)

xchange Your Duties

As a Young Adult unit nears the end the term of office, it is appropriate to aside a period (two weeks to a nth) in which duties are shifted ong members.

A vice-president is given an opportnity to preside and to supervise, temrarily functioning as president. A comttee chairman delegates at least some his duties to a member of the comttee. Or as a variation, committee airmen by agreement exchange the ried assignments among their own mber, so that a Devotional or Program ader temporarily works in the Lookout Membership field, and so on.

This flexibility in leadership is escially practical among Adults and ung Adults and is likely to prove mulating.

SEEKING GOD'S WAY

Do you remember for *what* and for *whom* you were praying a week ago? In part, probably. You will not soon forget heavy burdens that prayer helped lighten nor blessings for which you expressed gratitude in prayer. But personal prayers may include some trivial matters also, and perhaps some content that becomes habitual rather than heartfelt.

Strictly speaking, there are no "methods" for private devotions—yet as to content of secret prayer we are guided by the Lord's Prayer and by our developing concepts of what God expects us to be and to do. One's prayers could include a petition that the Holy Spirit guide us in our frequent communion with the Father.

Another question: Do one's personal prayers touch only the surface things of life or go deeply into bedrock concerns?

A layman invited often to speak before church groups prays earnestly before each engagement. Once he was concerned with, in effect, giving a good performance. Today he asks God's guidance as he bears a message on the layman's responsibility for spreading the Gospel and strengthening the church. The messenger loses himself in his message.

Adoniram Judson, pioneer missionary, prayed often that he might be sent to India. Instead he was to open up Burma to Christ. Late in life he said: "I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything but it came—at some time, in some shape."

So might we prepare ourselves for our India or our Burma. Or to be God's messenger to a few or to many, as He decides. Or to give our Christian testimony from a governor's chair or from an iron lung. In personal prayer, let each invite God to use him to carry out His purposes.—*B. H. D.*

ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

Devotional Life

Seek Him

Acts 17:27,28; Psalm 143

As the body requires nourishment for owth, so the spiritual life must be nurred. Each individual must seek it for himlf. Daily communion with God through ayer, Bible reading, and meditation supies a sure source for growth in one's detional life. A definite time each day, prefably in the morning, for this daily comunion with God sets the Quiet Hour obrvance so strongly advocated by the Chrisn Endeavor movement for all age groups. this study of the Quiet Hour, have an change of ideas on how young adults or lults can best observe it. Include a disssion on prayer life, Bible study, and detional material recommended for daily ading.

Growing as Christians

Luke 2:40-52; Psalm 91

Growth is gradual. Christians should ow gradually as Jesus grew—mentally, ysically, spiritually, and socially. While evotional life is developed through the uiet Hour observance, corporate worship also a great aid in spiritual growth. Woriping together in the church strengthens hristian fellowship. Daily family worship is ne of the most successful means of trainig members of the family in Christian prinples, helping them to know God better nd to serve Christ in their daily living. low is family worship observed in your ome? Do you agree that a family which prays together stays together"?

Christian Maturity

1. Let Go—Let God!

Psalm 51:10-13; Galatians 5:22-25

"The greatest need in the world today is for spiritually mature Christians who are not only professing their faith in Christ but who are living it in their daily lives," says evangelist Billy Graham. Only when Christ enters the heart are lives changed; the revolution within brings action without. Yet many who have received Christ have not reached spiritual maturity. Some have been in the church all their lives without becoming mature Christians. These "babes in Christ" have neglected to study the Scripture, have little desire to pray, and bear few marks of the Christian in their daily living. What happens when one lets go and lets God take over his life? In what ways does he become mature?

2. Conform to Christ

John 10:10; I Corinthians 15:3-8,13-23

From the cross and empty tomb comes the power to put off the old life and put on the new. Christ is the source of strength to help us overcome our sinful ways and give purpose to life. "Mature Christians do not simply grow up, they conform to Christ," says *Decision*. Spiritual life is released in us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. While He was the only person to attain absolute maturity, His gift of the Holy Spirit makes it possible for those who receive Him to grow into the new life. There is hope for the world as men surrender their hearts completely to the risen Lord and walk in His way. Cite modern instances of those who have been thus transformed.

Lord of the Sabbath

Mark 2:23-28; 3:1-5; Luke 13:10-17

From the time of creation, God ordained a day of rest. He knew that man's physical mechanism requires this cessation from his usual labors. "Business as usual" on Sunday may quickly destroy a day set aside as "different." Christians should combat commercialism of this day of rest and worship. They can discourage "Sunday shopping" by refraining from patronizing businesses that operate on the Lord's Day unnecessarily. Through the Better Business Bureau and petition of the people, as well as personal interviews with business operators, efforts can be made to keep the day holy. How the Christian observes Sunday is a powerful witness in the community. List the uses and abuses of the day.

'The Venturers" was the name chosen by a group of Young Adults at Gano Reformed Church in Chicago, Illinois, when they organized last April. President of the group is Warren G. Lund. Membership includes single and married persons from 18 to 30 years of age. The Interest Finder was used to select topics for discussion, which have included a study of the Reformed Church, the beliefs of other denominations and religions, and of Bible translations. Projects during the year include a work night cleaning the church, services at a rescue mission, erecting an outdoor nativity scene, and adding lighting to the church bulletin board. Social activities include bowling, boat ride, beach party and picnic, hayride, game night, attending a White Sox baseball game, and a New Year's eve watch night service.

Your Influence Counts

Romans 14:7-14

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **April 1**

Promoting the Meeting

Today is April Fool's Day. So fool your society by making this meeting the best you have ever led and perhaps the best of the entire year. Earnest prayer and careful preparation will enable you to set a high standard for the leaders who follow you.

Apply the theme to yourself as you respond to the challenge, and make your influence count for better meetings and wider participation because of the example you set as a well-prepared leader.

April is a spiritual high point in the year with the inspiration of the special season which culminates on Easter. This gives you a helpful background of interest upon which to build your program and to secure the cooperation of those whom you invite to participate in the worship and discussion. Advertise well the meeting by telephone calls.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
Scripture Roll Call (if this is your monthly consecration meeting)
Hymn: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*
Scripture Reading: Romans 14:7-14
Prayer Period
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
Leader's Introduction
Three Talks on Topic
Questions for Discussion
Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*
Closing Prayer and Benediction

Leader's Introduction

We all have played "follow the leader" in various stunts of daring and foolishness. It is a game which we continue to play in various forms throughout our lifetime. We follow the leader in new forms of hairdo, new styles of clothing, new standards of conduct, a new type of bathing suit, a new craze in recreation or reading, etc. When something novel is featured in the news pages or style magazines, we eagerly strive to be the first to introduce it in our community, gang, clique, or social set. Soon everybody is doing or wearing it. The creation of new styles and new wants is a profitable business for the creator, the manufacturer, and the merchant.

This popular desire to follow the leader has values if the leader is going in the right direction, and the changes in dress and styles are not too costly. We live in a world of conformity and are easily influenced by our friends and associates for good or evil. And we also are influencing them whether we intend to or not. We all have a conscious and an unconscious influence upon our associates.

As Christians we have a duty to use for good this precious talent of influence. In the passage read as our Scripture lesson, Paul reminds us of this universal manifestation of influence. "No man," he says, "liveth or dieth to himself"—no man, not even you or I. Tonight we seek to become more aware of how much our influence counts and to think of ways of making our influence more effective for Christ and the church.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Whose influence has most affected your life? What has he or she done that has had a strong influence on your life?
2. Have you ever made a special effort to set a good example? Was it successful?
3. In what respect can a Christian become "a sermon in shoes"?
4. What can we do as Christian youth to influence others to accept Christ as Lord?
5. Does Christian freedom give us the right to do as we choose?
6. When telling friends of our experiences, do we include our Christian experiences? If not, why do we not include them? Should we share such experiences with others?
7. What opportunities do we receive in Christian Endeavor to have a Christian influence on one another?

Our Joyous Influence (First Speaker)

A child is born in the home. Immediately the attitude of a whole group of relatives is changed by this happy event. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nephews, and cousins all have a new interest in life and a new source of joy. Hearts beat with pride in the achievements of the growing youngster. Hopes and dreams are altered as hidden possibilities are discovered and enlarged. We cannot live unto ourselves. Each of us is a high-powered instrument to cheer the lives of those who know us with interested intimacy.

A minister returned to his former charge to attend a homecoming service after an interval of six years. The younger boys and girls of the Christian Endeavor society had grown and changed greatly. Recognition was not easy. "This is Junior," explained the proud mother of a handsome six-foot son. "Hasn't he grown!" Then followed the pleasing news that he had graduated that year from high school with first honors, was on the debating team, was president of the Christian Endeavor society, and had received offers of a scholarship from three different colleges. It was a happy moment for the entire group, but especially for the youthful mother, radiant with joy in the recital of the achievements of her first-born. Truly none of us lives unto himself. What a privilege to bring such joy to those who are interested in us and to alter the lives and emotions of those with whom we associate!

Safeguarding Our Influence (Second Speaker)

A teacher of a Sunday school class of girls of high school age was vacationing at a popular summer resort. One Sunday ning her newly-made friends invited he participate in a Sunday evening party a secular nature. She graciously ref their repeated invitation. A state sen joined in pressing the invitation. Expl ing to him her continued refusal, she s "I am a Christian. Whether at home o vacation, I never do anything that m weaken my Christian influence over girls in my Sunday school class." Polit the senator bowed in acceptance of refusal. "Madam, I honor you. If there v more Christians like you, more men like would be Christian," he replied.

Edgar Guest, whose interesting po and practical common sense in rhyme h been an inspiration to hosts of readers, lated this anecdote of the early years his developing fame. "Some lines of n printed in one of the newspapers caught fancy of an old friend in Grand Rap Michigan and moved him to write to m few words of appreciation. His letter cl with this confession, 'Eddie, I want yo know that I think so much of you should you ever do anything to lessen opinion of you, it would hurt me bey reparation.'" Guest then added this c ment, "I have never forgotten that n sage. I have always felt that I am so portant to that man that I can never ford to disappoint him." We cannot aff to disappoint those who have faith in Their sincere faith is a glorious inspirat

Dedicating Our Influence (Third Speaker)

"Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ strength, I promise Him . . . ." What you promise as you adopted the Chris Endeavor pledge? Your fidelity in keep the pledge may be the determining fa in influencing others to keep that s pledge with resulting spiritual blessing their lives. In His immortal prayer recor in John 17, Jesus said, "For their sa I sanctify myself, that they also might sanctified through the truth." For the s of our close friends, our fellow Chris Endeavorers, and our neighbors who wa our conduct, let us strive with Christ's h to sanctify ourselves in speech and act One of the best reasons for being a sinc Christian is the encouragement our in ence imparts to others. We are our br er's keeper! Our influence does count ways we may never know. None of lives unto himself.

Since the church is a character-build organization, it has a right to expect of members fidelity to its moral precepts a ethical ideals. There is nothing which stroys the influence of a church so quic as inconsistent living. To have its memb branded as hypocrites is the worst n fortune any church or Christian Endea society can suffer. Of course, none of can be perfect. Each of us has individ weaknesses of inherited or cultivated position and habitual indulgences for wh we must seek forgiveness in Christ's l and mercy. But we must strive to impr in the strength of our Saviour. We ou to be winning new victories over our setting sins. We should be growing in gr and making spiritual progress in Chr Our influence for good increases with e spiritual victory.

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney, minister First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylva

blicity

Make posters with a picture of Christ in center. Print the words *Is He in the ter?* and add details concerning the eting.

end postal cards to all your members l prospects with a picture of Christ in center. You might use gummed seals h a picture of Christ for this purpose. d the same words and details used on posters.

ou might arrange the chairs in your eting room for both Sunday morning l Sunday night in a circle with a Bible a picture of Christ on a table in the ter. This feature would both help to ate interest in the meeting and serve an object lesson during the meeting.

ggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service
roducing the Topic
ipture Reading: I Timothy 1:12-17
mns: *Jesus Saves; I Need Jesus*
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mn: *Give Of Your Best to the Master*
oking Ahead
nediction

roducing the Topic

Before the meeting begins have each per- present write on an unsigned slip of per what activity is most interesting to n. What does he really like to do the st? During the worship service somebody ght make a list of these activities to be d as the topic unfolds.

ader's Talk

In tonight's topic we are dealing with rist in the center. Every Christian claims, course, that Christ is in the center of life. We do not want to dispute this im from our fellow believers, but we uld like to examine and see what it lly means.

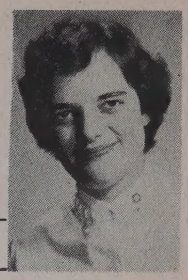
It is not hard to define the word "cen-." It is the focal point, the most impor- t point from which everything flows. It like the hub of the wheel. What is the ter of your life? What is more important you than everything else?

(At this point bring out the list that s compiled at the beginning of the meet- g. Read this list without comment. It ll probably include reading, sports, tele- ion, dating, etc. Now the question to scuss with the group is, Do these ac- ities and interests so take up our time and tention that they are really central to r lives? As far as a time schedule is con- rned, everyone could probably prove at he spends more time studying than atching television. Or he might point out at he spends more hours at school than ywhere else. This does not, however, dicate what is really central in one's life. at which is central gains devotion and dication and concern.

Going back to your original list, ask the ung people in which way Christ is related their thinking to each of these activities. his may involve some amazing mental mnastics. How is Christ related to tele-

Christ in the Center

I Timothy 1:12-17



April 1 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean that Christ is central in our lives?
2. How is life different when Christ is in the center?
3. What difference does He make in the goals we seek?
4. What difference does He make in our homes?
5. What difference does He make in our relationships with others at school?
6. What difference does He make in our use of money?
7. What difference does He make in our participation in church activities?

vision? How is He related to dating? How is He related to reading?)

What Is Basic to Life?

If we are discussing how Christ is to be central in our lives, it is important that we realize what He is to be for us and how we may serve Him. (*Read Wednesday's Bible reading—I John 5:11-13.*) What does this Bible passage mean when it says, "He that hath the Son hath life"? Are we dead? No, not really. We eat and sleep and talk. A dead person has no real contact with his environment. And yet the Bible says we are dead.

(*Read Ephesians 2:1.*) The meaning is that the unsaved have no life as far as their relation to God is concerned. They are not interested in God. They have little concern about the church. Perhaps some of us who are present may dispute these truths. Think in terms of our own local situation. How many of the young people in our school go to church or Sunday school? How large a proportion of the young people in our church really participate actively in Christian Endeavor? This does not say, of course, that they are all spiritually dead. But this is symptomatic of a basic condition. Te believe and trust Jesus, to make Him the center of our thoughts and actions — these result from having life in His name.

Peace and Confidence

If we are going to live in the modern world, we are going to have to have an inner peace and joy. Everyone must know by this time that peace does not come from human negotiations. The United Nations organization is important in world affairs, but we can see already that it does not guarantee world-wide peace. International peace is basically possible only when men are at peace with themselves. When we hate ourselves and argue within ourselves, we cannot have peace. This is why Jesus came to give us peace.

(*Here read Monday's Bible reading—John 16:29-33.*) This is also our secret of victory. Jesus said, "I have overcome the world." This also gives us the assurance that when we at last stand before God, it is Jesus Christ who will give us victory. (*Read Tuesday's Bible reading—I John 2: 22-29.*)

Christ Living and Real

If Christ is really at the center of our lives, it can be only because He is alive and real! Many young people in the world pattern their lives after the teachings of Buddha, or Confucius, or Lenin. These men lived, taught, and died, and their teachings live after them.

What makes Jesus essentially different? To some people He isn't at all. He too is a good example, a noble teacher, a great master! If Jesus is no more than this, we have no right to try to win others to our point of view. Then Mohammed is as good as Jesus—and Buddha or Lenin are for that matter. Christianity believes that Jesus is central because *He lives! (Have someone read Saturday's Bible reading—Revelation 1:10-18.)* Here is the reason for our dedication to Him—Jesus lives. The message of the first Easter was that He lives, and this was the realization of the disciples who saw Him on that day. (*Read Thursday's Bible reading—Luke 24:25-35.*)

Christ in Our Hearts

The experience of the disciples must now become ours. We must meet Jesus in faith and by the Holy Spirit permit Him to take up His abode in our hearts. This experience some people call "being saved." Some speak of this as "being born again." Some call it "regeneration." Some speak of it as "commitment." Whatever we call this experience, it is vital to our Christian lives. This is the first principle of Christian Endeavor: Open confession of Christ. If Jesus is really important and central in our experience, then He will also be central in our lives.

Looking Ahead

Point out that the next three topics are a series called "That I May Know Him." Urge all to attend these three meetings and to use them as an opportunity to know Christ more intimately and to enthrone Him more centrally in their lives.

Perhaps the sponsor would be willing to make this announcement and to add some closing remarks to summarize the meeting.

Comments by Dr. Jerome DeJong, minister of the Immanuel Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan

Pictures of Christian Endeavorers being carried currently on the topic pages are used to represent all Christian youth who study these topics in the weekly meetings of their societies.

"Teach Us to Pray"

Luke 11:1-4

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **April 8**

Promoting the Meeting

For your cards or poster, draw a boy, standing before a microphone. Write or print, HAVE YOU CONTACTED OTHER WORLDS? *Free lesson on how to do it at C. E. tonight. Space communication is possible today. Don't miss this service!*
Special music by .....
Leader .....

Preparation Chart

Lesson studied? .....
Parts assigned? .....
Songs chosen? .....
Pianist and song leader notified? .....
Special music arranged? .....
Cards mailed or poster made? .....
Item for bulletin prepared? .....
Visitors invited? .....

Publicity

If you have a local radio station ask it to announce the meeting. The announcer might say, "Just as the human voice is sent out over the air waves for great distances, so prayer is broadcast and caught by the listening ear of God. Young people will find new light on the subject at Christian Endeavor Sunday night, at ..... p.m., at the ..... Church."

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude (quiet music)
Call to Worship: Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge (Psalm 46:10,11).
Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Prayer
Hymn: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*
Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-4
Leader's Talk
Two-Minute Talks
Questions for Discussion
Solo (or hymn): *The Beautiful Garden of Prayer*
Sentence Prayers *(see Prayer Suggestion)*
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Whisper a Prayer*
Benediction

Prayer Suggestion

Before the solo (or hymn) is sung, take a few minutes to have members mention things for which to be thankful or things for which they have need. This will make it easier for new or inexperienced youth to participate in the sentence prayers after the song.

Leader's Talk

In this day of space communication, it is wonderful to realize that we can reach out to God, whether in heaven, paradise, or other parts of His great universe, and talk to Him just as surely as we can communicate with others by telephone or radio or television. We call such conversation "prayer," and it may grow out of a sense of helplessness, a desire for forgiveness, a feeling of thanksgiving, an appeal for more light and understanding, or a desire for fellowship.

It has been a common quest of all people in all ages. Whether it is the outgoing of the soul in private to a kind Father in heaven, the turning of Buddhist prayer wheels, or the grandiose ritual in incense-laden temples, man has sought to make contact with God. One day the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Teach us to pray," and He gave to them a beginner's prayer, which we call "the Lord's Prayer." It contains requests for basic needs which are common to all people, but we ought not to stop with these few things. There are dozens of things that ought to be discussed as a child talks to his father, and there is nothing within the range of human experience which may not be brought to God. Let us seek to learn more about prayer this evening.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why are young people sometimes afraid to pray?
2. What things are a hindrance to prayer?
3. Why do people not pray more often?
4. Why do many people pray only when they want something?
5. What often stands in the way of prayers being answered as requested?
6. What are the greatest values in prayer?

Two-Minute Talks

1. *(Please tell in your own words.)* When anybody is asked to lead in prayer, he represents the church or some group in the church, and this in formal prayer. For this kind of prayer, the person needs to be asked far enough ahead of time for adequate preparation to be made. We would not think of appearing in the presence of our president without knowing exactly what we were going to say. Now God is greater than the president, and He isn't going to be pleased if somebody is pushed into His presence with an empty head and hastily mumbles whatever pops into his mind. That isn't courteous to God, nor is it fair to the person who is called on, often after the final stanza of a hymn. He ought to have time to think of the needs of the group, if he is to represent them. There is nothing wrong with writing out the prayer and reading it, as long as it is done reverently, but most people prefer a well-prepared prayer given extemporaneously.

2. *(Please tell in your own words.)* Some churches have prayer books, and prayers are used over and over. If these prayers truly represent the desire of the soul, who shall say that they are not as acceptable as any other? It makes us wonder, however, if God doesn't get very tired of hearing same old thing. Even a prayer such as Lord's Prayer soon becomes so common young people often rattle it off automatically, in which case it is not praying, saying a prayer. It is always better prayers to be personal, even if they are sentence prayers such as we have in meetings.

3. *(Please tell in your own words.)* Pe still need to be taught to pray, even th the rules are simple. (1) Prayers are us addressed to God, although there is not wrong in talking with Jesus or the Spirit. (2) An all-inclusive prayer w contain: *adoration,* or letting God know much we admire the wonderful world w He has created, His goodness, love, power; *confession* of our sins, and a req for their forgiveness; *thanksgiving* for our blessings; *supplication,* or presen our needs to God; and *petition,* in be of others. (3) All prayer should be cl by such a statement as "This we ask in name of Jesus, our Lord, Amen." S people are ashamed to say it when are present and so omit it, but Jesus "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in name, he will give it you" (John 16:23

4. *(Please tell in your own words.)* F prayers are little prayers flashed silentl God at any time of day. If you were ne crushed in traffic, you would want to a prayer of thanks to God, saying, "Th you, kind Father, for having spared terrible wreck." As you look at the st heavens at night, you may pray, "Th you, God, for this wonderful world." you find yourself in a trying situation, may pray, "Help me, heavenly Father, t the right thing."

5. *(Please tell in your own words.)* prayers in secret better than other pray Jesus said they are. The Pharisees o prayed on street corners to get attent but Jesus taught, "Pray to your Fathe secret, and He will reward you oper Private prayers are intimate prayers. them we open our hearts to God and cuss personal things which we would want to discuss with others. Someti parents and friends do not understand but God does, and we can always be of His sympathy and help.

6. *(Please tell in your own words.)* W will make it easier to pray in public? T at ease, in praying as in speaking, i necessary to become accustomed to sound of our voices, and to express selves acceptably. If we can think of so thing for which to be thankful or some which ought to be met at the time prayer, it will be easy for us to state Even if somebody has already said w we intended to say, we can reword i little and go ahead. As time goes by can give longer prayers.

7. *(Please tell in your own words.)* H can we have fellowship in prayer? As little girl said, "I like it best when prayer is over, and I am just chatting w God." Prayer is fellowship with God. I talking with Him about the events of day and things of a personal nature. I also listening, for one can't visit and do the talking. As we wait in silence for G to speak, He puts good thoughts into minds, gives us new understanding of tr and solutions to our problems. It is g to have daily fellowship with God.

Comments by Dr. J. Vernon Jacobs, free-la writer living in Phoenix, Arizona, and the aut of a number of Christian educational books

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lace a fig on poster paper, and print following words on it: *It's a date and g. See you at Junior High Christian eavor. Bring an object mentioned or rred to in Luke.* Also name the time place of the meeting.

how this at the previous meeting and to the Junior High Sunday School partment at its gathering nearest to the of your meeting.

nselor's Role

lus your guidance during the meet- you'll want to encourage various mem- to bring an object by saying, for mple, "Sally, do you have your object Christian Endeavor?" when you see her contact her on the phone.

lso offer encouraging remarks regard- the suggested follow-up whenever you the member after the meeting.

ou will find the Scripture Guides a big p in finding answers and in judging Group Searchings.

ggested Program Outline

-Prayer Service
lude: *I Love to Tell the Story*
nt Prayer
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ipture Reading: Luke 22:47-53; 23:1-15
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llow-up Presentation and Announcements
et: *Begin Each Day with Jesus*
ading: Contrasts in Christ's Life
Contrasting Poem: *Crowned or Crucified*
nsecration Prayers
tlude: *I Surrender All*

roduction of the Topic

Luke was a physician. He has given us ny incidents in Christ's life that are not orded in the other Gospels. The key rase of his book is "Son of man," and key verse is Luke 19:10, "For the Son man is come to seek and to save that ich was lost."

Luke gives more of the human side of rist's ministry. He includes many of His rables. However, he also emphasizes the ity of Jesus. Let us note the phrase "Son man" and also His claim to be the rist, which denotes deity, in our Scrip- e reading *(see Luke 22:48; 23:1-3).*

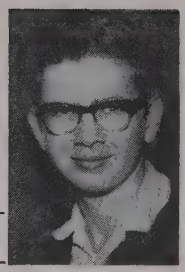
uestions

1. What influence of Luke's profession octor) is seen in the Gospel of Luke?
2. Which account found only in Luke uld give the basis for a Thanksgiving k or lesson? See Luke 17:11-19.
3. Why do we go to Luke when we nt to read the Christmas story? See Luke 1-20.
4. Which of Christ's appearances after is resurrection is found only in Luke? See ke 24:13-35.
5. What lessons are received from the rable of the Pharisee and the publican corded only in Luke? See Luke 18:1-14.
6. What is the main point in the story the urgent friend found only in Luke? e Luke 11:5-13.

Meet Christ in Luke's Gospel

Luke 22:47-53; 23:1-15

No. 1 in a Series: "That I May Know Him"



April 8 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

AIMS

1. To create a greater interest in Bible study
2. To learn what is found in Luke's Gospel only concerning Christ's life on earth
3. To put into practice the characteristics found in Christ's life

Object Contributions

At this time each person will have an opportunity to present his object. This can be done by having each one go to the front, show his object, and give the Scripture reference from Luke, or have various members volunteer to give the reference or incident while the owner shows the object.

Group Searchings

Divide into groups, and see which one can get the largest number of incidents from Luke which picture the humanity of Jesus. Have a time limit, and if the counselor doesn't feel that he can check the points immediately, he can give a report the next week.

Follow-up

1. Choose about four accounts which are found only in Luke such as "The Good Samaritan" (10:25-37), "The Prodigal Son" (15:11-32), "The Conversion of Zacchaeus" (19:1-10), and "Jesus in the Temple" (2:41-52). Then give opportunity for all members to enter a speech contest in which one of these passages is recited with expression and feeling. If desired have them then realte the account in their own words, adding some applications.

The date should be set one month hence; a silver Christian Endeavor pin should be awarded to the winner, and a Christian Endeavor sweater emblem to all who enter.

The emblems are 25c each, and the pin is $1.00. Buttons are 75c a doenz if you wish to give them instead of the emblem. The address for ordering is International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

2. Challenge each one to do a Good Samaritan act this week and report at the next meeting.

Readings: Contrasts in Christ's Life

1. He left heaven's glory to dwell among sinful men.

2. While in heaven all was supplied, but on earth He had no definite home during His ministry.

3. At the time of His birth, He was turned away from the inn, but announced later by the heavenly angels.

4. The crowd sang His praises on Palm Sunday, but many of the same people cried, "Crucify him" a few days later.

5. He was strong in word against the hypocrispy of the religious leaders, but He said very little while He was on trial for His life.

6. The apostles forsook all to follow Him, but they did not stand by at the time of His trial.

7. He was very close to His heavenly Father, but He was forsaken for a short time while on the cross. He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" It was because of our sins.

Crowned or Crucified

I stood alone at the bar of God
In the hush of the twilight dim
And faced the question that pierced my heart:
What will you do with Him?
Crowned or crucified? Which shall it be?
No other choice was offered to me.

I looked on the face so marred with tears
That were shed in His agony;
The look in His kind eyes broke my heart—
'Twas full of love for me.
"The crown or the cross," it seemed to say,
"For or against me, choose thou today."

He held out His loving hands to me
While He pleadingly said, "Obey,
Make me thy choice for I love thee so."
And I could not say Him nay.
Crowned or crucified, thus it must be,
No other way was open to me.

I knelt in tears at the feet of Christ
In the hush of the twilight dim
And all that I was or hoped or sought
Surrended unto Him.
Crowned, not crucified, my heart shall know
No king but Christ who loved me so.

—Author Unknown

Scripture Guides

The following accounts are found only in Luke in the New Testament:

Luke 1:1-4,5-25,26-38,39-56,57-80
Luke 2:1-7,8-20,21-40,41-52
Luke 4:16-30
Luke 7:11-17,36-50
Luke 10:25-37,38-42
Luke 11:1-13
Luke 12:1-59
Luke 13:1-9,10-21,22-30,31-35
Luke 14:1-24,25-35
Luke 15:1-32
Luke 16:1-31
Luke 17:1-10,11-19,20-37
Luke 18:1-8,9-14
Luke 19:1-10
Luke 22:24-30,35-38
Luke 23:5-16,27-32,40-43
Luke 24:13-35,44-53

Comments by Erma L. Funk of Greencastle, Pennsylvania, an elementary schoolteacher, a United Brethren in Christ pastor, and a former missionary in Sierra Leone

Triumphant March

Mark 11:1-11

(Palm Sunday)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **April 15**

For the Counselor

Help the Devotional Committee to choose one of your best leaders for this meeting. The leader should be one who can push ahead in order to finish the topic. He should also be one who is familiar with the Bible and able to explain the meaning of what is read.

Since the preceding topics have had to do with growth as Christians, use this topic to encourage spiritual growth through Bible study.

Announce to the society on April 8 that you are going to study Mark 11 through 15 during the Palm Sunday meeting and urge everyone to read these chapters during the week. Give out the assignments of the different sections of Scripture on April 8 with the instructions to practice reading each section so that it can be done well.

For the Leader

Read the chapters Mark 11 through 15 until you are very familiar with them. If you have or can borrow the Amplified New Testament, read these chapters in it.

Make an outline on the chalkboard of the events of each day of the week narrated in these chapters. Do this before the meeting in order to save time. Or type a copy for each member of your group.

Some sections of these chapters do not need any explanation and may be read without comment. When comments are needed, keep them brief and to the point as are the suggested comments below.

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
Opening Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Leader's Talk
Bible Study
Closing Moments
Closing Hymn: *Where He Leads Me*
Benediction

Leader's Talk

On Palm Sunday we remember Christ as He rode into Jerusalem with the people acclaiming His as King. It gladdens our hearts to know that He was recognized thus. Yet Jesus knew the hearts of the people and realized that before the week was over many of them would mock Him and stand by to see Him crucified.

Sometimes we may think we have to face difficult times because we are Christians. But whatever we face is almost nothing in comparison to what Christ faced for us during that eventful week. If He lives in our hearts, we too can face our "Jerusalem" with confidence, knowing that He has been there before us preparing the way. As we read and study Mark 11 through 15 together, let us consider the courage with which Jesus marched into Jerusalem and to the cross.

Bible Study

Sunday

1. *Read Mark 11:1-11.*

Even though the crowd waved branches and shouted their acclaim to Him, Jesus was still the lowly one, for He rode on a lowly animal as had been foretold in Zechariah 9:9. Verses 9 and 10 would almost seem to indicate that they had accepted Him as their King.

Monday

2. *Read Mark 11:12-14.*

Are we covered with leaves without bearing any fruit? Read II Timothy 3:5.

3. *Read Mark 11:15-19.*

Jesus had cleansed the temple at the beginning of His ministry, as related in John 2:13-17, but He had to cleanse it again, for it was still not being used as a house of worship. Do we truly use our church building as a place to worship God?

Tuesday

4. *Read Mark 11:20-26.*
5. *Read Mark 11:27-33.*

The rulers were bitter because the people were following Jesus, and so they tried to trap Him. But who was really trapped?

6. *Read Mark 12:1-12.*

This parable was directed at those who rejected Jesus, the Son of God. The kingdom would be taken from the Jews who rejected Him and given to those of all nations who would receive Him.

7. *Read Mark 12:13-17.*
8. *Read Mark 12:18-27.*
9. *Read Mark 12:28-34.*
10. *Read Mark 12:35-40.*

In connection with 12:36, read also Psalm 110:1. Jesus was the son of David in that He was descended from Him through Mary as the Son of Man. He was the Son of God from the beginning, as stated in John 1:1,2.

11. *Read Mark 12:41-44.*

This does not mean that our giving should be small, but that it should represent a real sacrifice.

12. *Read Mark 13:1-23.*

In these verses, Jesus foretold the fall of Jerusalem, which took place in 70 A.D. He warned the people of the great calamities which would follow their rejection of Him.

13. *Read Mark 13:24-31.*

Then Jesus spoke of His coming back to earth and the terrible judgment which will be brought upon all who have rejected Him just as it was brought upon Jerusalem.

14. *Read Mark 13:32-37.*

Jesus still warns all of us to work and to be faithful to Him in order that we may receive His rewards instead of His judgment.

Wednesday (no record)

Thursday

15. *Read Mark 14:1-11.*

Judas had been opposed to Jesus for some time, but this incident in the home of Simon seems to have convinced him something had to be done to put an to what He was teaching.

16. *Read Mark 14:12-25.*

The Israelites had observed the over since the time of the exodus Egypt, when the death angel had p over their homes with doorposts marke the blood of the lamb. Now Jesus a His followers to observe this new ordin in memory of His death as the Lam God, slain for the sins of the world.

17. *Read Mark 14:26-31.*
18. *Read Mark 14:32-42.*
19. *Read Mark 14:43-52.*
20. *Read Mark 14:53-65.*
21. *Read Mark 14:66-72.*

Friday

22. *Read Mark 15:1-6.*

After Jesus had been tried by the Je authorities and found guilty accordin their decision, then he was brought b the Roman governor to be condemne death.

23. *Read Mark 15:7-15.*

This seems to be an impossible ch but do we not make many choices jus wrong? Do we not often choose somet else instead of Christ? Are we less g than those who chose Barabbas?

24. *Read Mark 15:16-23.*
25. *Read Mark 15:24-41.*

Note the evidences of Christ's courag this account. Was not this one of the th that convinced the centurion that He the Son of God?

26. *Read Mark 15:42-47.*

Even though Jesus was crucified betw robbers, it was fitting that He should buried in a rich man's tomb. Perhaps was the example of Jesus' courage prompted Joseph and Nicodemus (see J 19:39) to manifest the courage needed receive the body of Jesus and to prep it for burial. Remember that Nicode had formerly come to Jesus by night (J 3:1,2), but now he came courageously assist in His burial.

Closing Moments

As time allows, discuss these questions

1. At what point in these events Jesus' courage perhaps at the lowest ebb

2. What gave Him strength to carry

3. What are some of the occasions which the strength of Christian youth is its lowest ebb?

4. What provides us the strength to main faithful to Christ in spite of try circumstances?

Discuss the importance of accepting Ch as Saviour and Lord. Perhaps you want to give an opportunity for those w have not accepted Him to do so at this ti or perhaps you will want to encourage th to do so at services which your church holding during this week. Point out t the greatest joy on earth is in coming Christ and that the members of the soci who are Christians are praying that oth will make this step.

Close the meeting with a prayer that will be a triumphant time as all manif the courage of Christ in accepting Him Lord and living for Him daily.

Comments by Mrs. R. E. LeRiche, who serves w her husband as adviser of the High School C College society in the Skyway Bible Chur Seattle, Washington

the Leader

is series of topics on meeting Christ ds a wonderful opportunity of break- away from the usual routine and con- ing your meeting in the form of a ure hunt, Biblical quiz, Biblical game, The members of the group may be led into two groups. Points may be for various activities during the pro-, and the team with the highest num- of points may be declared the winner.

some of the contests a time allot- t may be announced. One example of me in which this would be necessary ld be a "Bible Book Writing Contest." each team to write the books of the Testament in a certain amount of . The team completing the largest list he books of the New Testament within specified time would receive points for achievement. This, however, may be ted to the letters which Paul wrote, eeping with the topic "Meet Christ in l's Letter."

n this topic, you will be studying brief- oncerning the birth of Christ, the death Christ, the exaltation of Christ, and r very important subjects. You might inue the method of having two teams up the Scripture references as they are d out. Be sure Bibles are available for Allow the persons who find them first ead them and then grant points for do- so.

gested Program Outline

Prayer Service
to Worship: Philippians 1:2
ocation
ns: *Jesus Saves, I Love to Tell the tory,* and *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
pture Verses by the Group
pture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11
n: *Where He Leads Me*
tence Prayers
ouncements and Offering
cial Music
le Book Writing Contest
der's Introduction
ic Discussion
sing Moments by the Counselor
n: *The Old Rugged Cross*
sing Prayer

ggestion to the Leader

Following the singing of several hymns, the group to give from memory verses Scripture from Paul's letters. If there is ay, then allow verses from the entire w Testament. This may also be done h two teams and with points being given the team giving the most verses from mory.

der's Introduction

In tonight's topic we shall continue our dy of the greatest story ever told and the greatest life ever lived—that of Lord Jesus Christ. During this week, ndreds and thousands of persons will be minded of the cruel cross on which He s crucified and on which He died that might live. People are remembering lay the words of praise given to Him d the recognition of Him as King, but ey will remember also how quickly many ople in Jerusalem changed their tune and ed out, "Crucify him, crucify him."

Meet Christ in Paul's Letter

Philippians 2:5-11

(Palm Sunday)

No. 2 in a Series: "That I May Know Him"

April 15 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

The four Gospels tell a great deal about the life and death of Christ and His character, but so do many of the letters of the New Testament. We shall now read what the apostle Paul said concerning Christ in Philippians and other letters which he wrote.

Scripture Study

Birth of Christ

We usually read in the Gospels concerning the birth of Jesus. Matthew and Luke give detailed information of this great and miraculous event, but Paul also speaks of this gift which God gave us in II Corinthians 9:15. *(Ask the group to turn to this reference together. Ask somebody to read it, and then discuss its meaning together. The counselor will be of much help here. Continue this procedure throughout the Bible study. Use as many of these references as time will permit, at least one from each section.)*

Humanity of Christ

Jesus was both human and divine, and both phases of His nature are discussed in the letters of Paul. Let us consider first His humanity. These references speak of Jesus as a man: Romans 8:3; Galatians 4:4; Philippians 2:8; Ephesians 5:30.

Divinity of Christ

And Paul speaks of the divinity of Christ in these references in his letters: Philippians 2:5,6; Colossians 2:9; I Timothy 3:16.

Worship of Christ

Thus, Paul points out that Christ is to be worshipped by His followers. Let us read Philippians 2:10.

Humiliation of Christ

Paul writes in a number of instances of the events related to the closing days of the ministry of Christ on earth. These references refer to His humiliation by His enemies: Galatians 3:13; Philippians 2:5-8.

Death of Christ

And these passages refer to His death on the cross in our behalf: Romans 5:10; 6:3; I Corinthians 11:26; 15:3.

Resurrection of Christ

Paul writes of the resurrection of Christ from the dead in such passages as these: Romans 6:9; I Corinthians 15:5-8,21; II Timothy 1:10.

Appeal of Christ

On the basis of all that Christ has done in behalf of mankind, Paul speaks of the appeal which He makes to all men: I Corinthians 1:9; Ephesians 5:14.

Belief in Christ

Thus, men are to believe in Christ, and Paul makes reference to belief in these passages: Romans 1:16; 10:4,9.

Companionship of Christ

Upon believing in Christ and becoming His followers, we also become companions in His service. Paul speaks of this companionship in such verses as these: Romans 8:17; I Corinthians 12:27; II Corinthians 12:10; Colossians 3:1; I Thessalonians 4:14; Philemon 23.

Cross of Christ

In following Christ, one must be a messenger of the cross of Christ. Paul emphasizes this requirement in these verses: I Corinthians 1:18,23; 2:2; Galatians 6:14; Philippians 3:18.

Faithfulness to Christ

And one must also be faithful to Christ just as He has been faithful to us. Let us read these verses: Philippians 1:29; Colossians 1:7; 2:5; 3:17.

Riches of Christ

He who follows Christ faithfully and proclaims His message to others will share in the riches of Christ. Paul speaks of these riches in these references: Ephesians 1:7,18; 3:8; 4:7; Colossians 2:2,3.

Triumph of Christ

Paul says that Christ will triumph over all things. Let us study these passages: I Corinthians 5:17; II Corinthians 2:14; Colossians 2:15.

Second Coming of Christ

Paul also urges all to look forward to the second coming of Christ and the blessings to be received at that time. Some of these references are the following: I Corinthians 1:7; 4:5; Philippians 3:20; Colossians 3:4; II Timothy 4:1; Titus 2:13.

Exaltation of Christ

The exaltation of Christ both now and at His coming again is emphasized in these verses from Paul's letters: Ephesians 4:8; Philippians 1:20; 2:10,11; Colossians 1:18.

Closing Moments

The counselor should point out that youth come to know Jesus as the Christ not only through believing in Him on the basis of the accounts of His life and death in the Gospels of the New Testament, but also through living for Him on the basis of the teachings of His apostles in the letters of the New Testament. All should be especially grateful for the letters of Paul for this reason.

This particular study should have prepared Junior Highs for a better understanding of Holy Week which follows and more meaningful participation in services of the week. The counselor might announce services in your church at this time.

Opportunity may also be given by the counselor or the minister for youth to make their decision for Christ at this time or during the evening church service which follows.

Comments by Rev. C. Ray Miller, minister of the Prince Street United Brethren Church, Shippensburg, Pennsylvania

"Behold, I Am Alive Forevermore"

Revelation 1:10-18

(Easter)

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **April 22**

Why Not Be Different?

Where do you start to be different? Leaders have heard many times, "Break away from formal routine and try to be different," but they often find themselves crawling back to the same positions and the same ways of doing things.

There is no law demanding that you cease from the old. But who likes stale bread and soft candy that has turned hard? You can follow the old procedure, but you don't have to do it that way! Why not take a fresh approach for this topic?

Start with the topic and study the major Scripture reference carefully. It's Easter time, and that should mean something to you and suggest some new ideas and perhaps some different approaches for presenting the topic. "Behold, I am alive forevermore"—how can you best present this powerful fact to your society so that it will have new meaning for all? Study the methods suggested below and choose which you will use.

You may also wish to shift some of the furniture or change some of the pictures in your meeting room, and you may be able to arrange to have flowers where all can see and enjoy them. After the meeting, be sure to put the room back into its usual order.

Suggestions to the Leader

Vesper Service

1. You could plan an Easter vesper service featuring appropriate music and poetry. Here is a suggested outline:

Prelude: Easter music on organ and piano or other instruments
Opening Hymn: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*
Invocation
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:10-18
Hymns of Hope: *Blessed Assurance* and *He Lives*
Poem: "Let Us Be Glad," by Grace Noll Crowell, or another Easter poem
Hymns of Consecration: *My Jesus, I Love Thee; O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee; With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Announcements and Offering
Prayer of Dedication
Hymns of Action: *Rise Up, O Men of God; Lead On, O King Eternal; Saved to Tell Others*
Thoughts on the Topic
Closing Hymn or Poem
Silent Prayer
Benediction

Pageant

2. You could arrange an Easter pageant in three acts, with the words either spoken by the actors or read from the Bible by one of your members. It is not necessary to have elaborate scenery and costumes. The purpose should be to convey the meaning of Jesus' resurrection as portrayed in the feelings and actions of those who first realized that He had risen from the grave.

The first act would present what happened on the morning of Jesus' resurrection. Consult the four accounts in the New Testament of the discovery of the empty tomb by the women and their report to the disciples—Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-12; and John 20:1-18.

The second act would present what happened during the afternoon as Jesus appeared to the two disciples on their way to Emmaus and then made Himself known to them in the breaking of bread (Luke 24:13-32).

The third act would present the two disciples sharing the marvelous news with those in Jerusalem during the evening and the appearance of Jesus to all of them (Luke 24:33-48).

Courtroom Drama

3. You could arrange a drama in the form of a courtroom scene concerning the resurrection. You could perhaps plan this as a combined service of all the Christian Endeavor societies in your church. Invite visitors to attend also. Use representatives from the other societies and your own group to serve as a judge, two lawyers, a jury, and witnesses who will take positions for and against the resurrection of Jesus. Write a script so all will know their parts, or arrange for some to speak extemporaneously if this is possible. Be sure that the lawyers make a summation of their cases and have the jury to bring in the verdict.

Testimony Meeting

4. You could have a testimony meeting in which each member speaks concerning what the resurrection of Jesus means to him and how it relates to personal Christian living.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Jesus came through closed doors in order to appear to His disciples in Jerusalem. Does this mean that He can overcome doors closed to Him today?

2. What doors did He break down when He appeared to Mary Magdalene (see John 20:16), to Thomas (see John 20:28), and to Saul of Tarsus (see Acts 26:15-20)?

The Meaning of Easter

(*The leader should arrange beforehand for other members of the society to join him in this discussion after he has introduced the subject.*)

The crucifixion scene was full of excitement. At the foot of the cross were the curiosity seekers. The hangings on the hill of Calvary were a subject of common conversation and a source of diversion to However, it was only a day's work t soldiers. They had been through it before. What was one life, more or To them, life was routine, and death conventional.

But the resurrection changed things tically. The curiosity seekers were sta at what they heard. Could this have the Son of God after all? The guards had been posted to watch the tomb bribed to tell a lie, but many people have been inclined to believe that had risen from the grave. They were r to hear His assuring words, "Behold, alive forevermore."

What should the resurrection mea us and to our Christian Endeavor soc It is not just a message of something happened hundreds of years ago, but s thing that relates to our beliefs and ac today.

1. We should realize that the resurre of Christ is fundamental to the Chri faith. Paul makes this emphasis in I C thians 15. If the resurrection is rem from the message of the Gospel, then very heart is gone. *(Read I Corinthians 12-19.)*

2. The resurrection assures us that serve a living Saviour. On the third following His crucifixion, Jesus appeare the disciples not as a weak and suffe victim of oppression, but as a conquer triumphant victor over death and the gr Therefore, as His followers we may go f in His name deeply aware that He goes v us in strength and in power just as He promised to do. If we wonder what Go able to do for us and through us, then should consider the resurrection of J Christ from the grave. *(Read Ephesian 19-22 and Philippians 3:10.)*

3. The church exists because of His re rection and in order to extend the mess of His resurrection. The disciples of Ch went forth preaching the story of His and death and resurrection, and men lieved their teachings. They gathered th selves together to worship and to pray to study the Scriptures, and thus the chu came into existence. The church proclain the message of the resurrection to the wo and that is still our cause today. As Ch tian Endeavorers, our motto is "For Ch and the Church," and we serve through church to proclaim that Jesus Christ li today and will save all who turn unto H

4. The resurrection of Christ also assu us of a judgment day *(read Acts 17:31)*. T resurrection of Christ is God's unfaili testimony to the fact of a coming day judgment for the whole world; one is sure as the other. This should have sobering effect on all of us. We cannot hi our light, for we have a message to conv We are His witnesses, and we dare not f Him.

Let us be alive and active in all o work as Christian Endeavorers. Let us n be charged either now or at the day judgment with the sin of doing nothin A noted preached has observed, "The mo powerful temptations in my life have n been to do something criminal and wron but to do nothing, or to take a neutral sha when I ought to stand out."

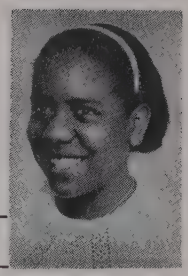
Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, past of the First Evangelical Congregational Churc Easton, Pennsylvania

Meet Christ in Experience

Romans 10:8-13

(Easter)

No. 3 in a Series: "That I May Know Him"



April 22 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why did Christ arise from the grave?
2. Why did He appear to several of His followers after His resurrection?
3. Why did He not remain on earth indefinitely after His resurrection?
4. What is Christ now doing in heaven for us?
5. What does it mean to believe in Christ?
6. What does it mean to be saved by Christ?
7. How does one let Christ come into his heart?
8. How do we experience daily fellowship with Christ?
9. How can we show that we are living the new life in our daily activities?
10. How can we share our Christian experiences with others?

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To realize the importance of having rsonal experience with Christ
To learn how to meet Christ in one's nal experience
To understand that Easter brings the age that all may have salvation and life in Christ

gested Program Outline

Prayer Service
to Worship: Luke 24:25,26,44,48
n: *He Lives*
come to Guests
ns: *He Rose Triumphantly; Hallelujah! 'hat a Saviour*
pture Reading: Romans 10:8-13
er
ouncements and Offering
ial Music: *I Walked Today Where sus Walked,* O'Hara
ic Discussion
stions for Discussion
ing Hymn: *Living for Jesus*
ence Prayers
ediction

m Arrangement

s members and guests arrive for the ting, have instrumental music playing rite Easter selections in the background. aps several Junior Highs can bring ruments for this purpose. If these are available, use records which some of r members will be able to provide.

se lighted candles to encourage reverence during the service. Construct a cross feet high out of styrofoam and cover with fresh or artificial flowers, securing h blossom with a toothpick. Or make a ss out of cardboard which you have led for this meeting. Behind the cross e a lighted lamp without its shade. In at of the cross place a Bible opened to resurrection story in John 20:1-18.

sonal Experience

Our daily lives are composed of many eriences personal to each of us. Everyng we do is an experience of some kind. bster says experience is the sum total the conscious events which compose an ividual life. To undergo anything is an perience. It is one of our great teachers. learn by doing and from what we under-

Riding a bicycle is an experience. By reting this experience, one learns to ride well. Reading a book is an experience. at one retains from the book is what he rned from that experience. In John 39-42 we read about a woman who tified of her experience with the Lord. *ead the passage aloud.)* The woman tified that Christ told her all she ever d. The Samaritans, after being with us, had their own personal experiences d also believed, not by what she said t from hearing Him themselves. This is experience which all of us must have.

pening the Door

To have a personal experience with rist, we must open our hearts to Him. velation 3:20,21 states that He stands at e door of our hearts and knocks. If we en, He will come in and have fellowship with us. He will forgive us of our sins, for He died on Calvary for us and now has gone to intercede for us before God in heaven.

He seeks to enter every heart, and we either open to Him or ignore His call.

The First Easter

Several followers of Christ had this personal experience on the first Easter. One was Mary Magdalene. She visited the tomb in which Jesus was buried and then ran to tell Peter and John that the body was no longer there. They ran to see for themselves with Mary following behind. John outran Peter and stooped to look in, but Peter entered the tomb and saw the linen cloths which Jesus had left behind lying there. Then John went in also, and these disciples believed in Jesus' resurrection not because the Scriptures had prepared them but because facts convinced them.

These disciples did not stay long, but Mary stood outside the tomb weeping. She stooped down and looked into the tomb through her tears. Two angels in white appeared to her in a sitting position as if to indicate that some task had been finished and they were waiting to share the glad tidings with someone.

They asked why she wept, and she answered, "Because they have taken away my Lord." Then she turned and saw Jesus Himself standing beside her, but she thought He was the gardener. He too asked why she wept and whom she sought. And still not recognizing Him, she answered, "Tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away." Then Jesus said to her, "Mary," and at last Mary recognized Him.

That same evening, as the disciples were assembled behind closed doors for fear of the Jews, Jesus came into their midst and revealed Himself to them. He brought peace into their hearts and granted unto them the presence of the Holy Spirit (John 20:22).

Thomas was not with the other disciples when Jesus first came to them. The others told him that they had seen the Lord, but he could not believe them until he saw the nail prints in His hands and the wounded side himself. After eight days Jesus appeared to the disciples again, and this time Thomas was with the rest of them. Jesus told Thomas to touch His hands and His side, and at once Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God."

All of these realized that Jesus was not dead, but that He had risen from the grave. They heard His knock at the door of their hearts. They let Him come in and experienced fellowship with Him from that day forward.

Union with Christ

Colossians 3:1-3 states that those who are united with Christ must set their minds on things above instead of things on the earth *(read this reference).* This means that our goals must not be physical things which pass away, but spiritual things which will never pass away. We must live not to gain earthly rewards which are worth little, but to receive heavenly rewards whose value cannot be estimated.

Life becomes truly rich when these are our goals. Worship and prayer and Bible reading and Christian fellowship are experiences which teach us how to live and how to get the most out of life. Other things bring pleasure for a time, but our experiences in the service of Christ bring joys which endure forever.

Easter 1962

Easter is more than an anniversary commemorating an event which happened long ago. Christ did arise from the grave on that first Easter morning, but He also lives today! How do we know? The personal experiences of His followers recorded in the Bible tell us so. Our own personal experiences as Christians tell us so. Only a living Saviour can save us from our sins. Only a living Lord can change a person's heart. Only a living Friend can fill our hearts daily with love and compassion.

There was new life for Christ when He arose from the grave, but there is also new life today for those who live in Christ. II Corinthians 5:17 states that "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Comments by Mrs. George West, who sponsors a post-college and professional Christian Endeavor group at Brooklyn Heights Presbyterian Church in San Diego, California

Helping Persons of Special Need

I Corinthians 16:1-14

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) **April 29**

For the Leader

This topic is presented in connection with the 1962-63 home missions emphasis being used currently by a number of denominations. Check with your minister or missionary leaders concerning available materials, or secure a descriptive folder of these materials from the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

There are many people of special needs, such as the physically handicapped, the mentally retarded, the aged and infirm, unwed parents, juvenile delinquents, and alcoholics. This topic should help members of your society to be concerned and to help meet their needs as Christians.

You might plan with your counselor to ask the society to bring gifts of food or clothing to the meeting for some family which is in need of these things. Collect them inconspicuously at the door so as not to embarrass anybody and have them distributed later by a special committee.

This feature could be used as a preparation for the discussion of helping those who are in need, both physically and spiritually. Invite a member of some local welfare board or agency, perhaps a member or your own congregation, to come and explain the situation of those who are in need of special help and point out ways in which your group could help. These ways should be referred to a committee in your society, and plans should be made for implementing them as soon as possible in your society activities.

You should be concerned with these basic questions in making your plans:

1. Who are these persons of special need?
2. What are their needs?
3. In what ways can our society possibly be of help to them?
4. Which way shall we choose?
5. What shall be our procedure for action?

Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Hymn: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Prayer by Leader
Announcements and Offering
Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 16:1-14
Special Music
Leader's Talk
Scriptural Discussions (1 through 5)
Hymn: *God Will Take Care of You*
Scriptural Discussions (6 through 9)
Hymn: *I Need Thee Every Hour*
Guest Speaker
Benediction: Sing softly a verse of *For You I Am Praying*

Leader's Talk

Our topic "Helping Persons of Special Need" brings to our minds two distinct kinds of need, physical and spiritual. During His ministry on earth, Christ ministered to both, thus setting an example for us. He also gave us commands for helping others and promises of His blessing in so doing. Let us study several of these and other Bible passages in order that we may be prepared to help those who are in need.

Scriptural Discussions

1. *(Read Deuteronomy 15:11.)* Modern progress has not changed the conditions referred to in the Old Testament as to the presence of the poor in the land. Also we note that the poor man is referred to as "thy brother," which seems to indicate that charity cannot be doled out as from one of high estate to one of low estate, but rather as the poet says, "Who gives himself with his alms feeds three, himself, his hungry neighbor, and me." In other words "not what we give but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare."

These attitudes are important in the eyes of God and to the feelings of those who receive. Very possibly in the course of a lifetime the positions may be reversed, and so good fellowship and humility are prime requisites in Christian giving. *(In closing read I John 3:17.)*

2. *(Read Luke 15:11-20.)* The young man in the story "began to be in want" because of his own willfulness and conceit in asking his inheritance so early in life, and because of his careless and lavish spending. However, the father forgave him and received him joyfully when he admitted his mistakes and returned home humbly.

Perhaps we can receive several lessons from this story. First, we often are responsible for our own needy condition, but God may have provided the way for us to help ourselves if we, like the son, "come to ourselves." Secondly, we are not the judge of another's need, as to whether or not he could have avoided his pitiful condition. If the father was willing to overlook the faults of the needy son, we can overlook the faults of the one who comes to us in dire need. We should remember that Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," and act accordingly.

3. *(Read Mark 12:41-44.)* No discussion of sharing is complete without recalling the widow's mite, the gift that was greatest, because it represented sacrifice. Sacrificial giving means feeling another's need and thus doing without oneself. It is truly giving of oneself with the gift.

4. *(Read I Kings 17:9-16.)* In this Bible story we have another example of one in need, sharing with one in worse nee thereby receiving the blessing of God widow was not the voluntary, cheerful She had to be solicited and encourag give. Maybe that is proof to us that times we may be in special need our and feeling sorry for ourselves, but respond in sharing our little, God wil care of us too and grant us the blessi continued life and well-being. *(Clos reading Matthew 6:33.)*

5. *(Read Romans 12:20.)* One of the est tests of discipleship is loving one's mies and doing good to those who "de fully use you." Actually ministering t physical needs of an enemy is pro Christian charity. Over and over we read and heard of soldiers in battle a istering aid or sharing food, water, or fort to a suffering soldier from the e lines. As soldiers of the cross we shou no less.

6. *(Read Galatians 6:1,2.)* Accordi statistics of those who minister as do preachers, law enforcement and we agents, there are many persons in nee spiritual aid. These needs may come many classes, but the church and its bers have a special obligation to seek and encourage those to whom life has come a burden. Many illnesses, crimes, just plain heartaches might be avoide we who are supposed to be spiritual w be more alert, more kind, and more selfish. We are too prone to "run the gang" of our own friends and ig the timid, the slow, and the stranger an us.

7. *(Read Hebrew 5:12.)* If we are g to help others, we need help ourselve solving life's problems and in interpr the will of God. It is fitting that y people, even those of us who are not g into specialized Christian service, sh take advantage of every opportunity learn, to join special Bible study classe attend faithfully the regular church serv to hear the minister's sermons, and to an active part in their Sunday school cl and Christian Endeavor societies.

8. *(Read Hebrews 4:16.)* After we studied God's Word, we have need complete our communion with Him prayer. We cannot help others until have learned to ask God to help us in our undertakings, especially in the un taking of bringing others to the Chris life. Sometimes we can best help others public prayer, praying for ourselves others.

9. *(Read Psalm 109:22,26,27.)* Someti we are strongest when we realize our weakness and our dependence on God, w we really "pray without ceasing" as we about the routine activities of our daily *(Close by reading Psalm 55:22.)*

Comments by Edna A. Pyle, a junior high sc teacher and librarian in Vincennes, Indiana

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Helping Persons of Special Need

I Corinthians 16:1-14

April 29 **Junior High** (12-14 Years)

OUR AIMS

1. To identify persons of special need, particularly in our own community
2. To sense the concern of Christians for persons in need from the time of Jesus
3. To plan projects by which we can help persons of special need

What Can I Do?

If we are to help most human needs, we must first of all know what others need. Therefore, we must try to put ourselves into others' places and understand just what it is that they need.

We can always be kind and friendly to those who are lonely and discouraged. We can go out of our way to help those who are handicapped in some way. We can set a Christian example which will help other youth to follow the teachings of our Lord.

Jesus said that the fields are white unto harvest but that the laborers are few. But He also told us how new recruits may be enrolled in His work. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38). We can help by our prayers. Prayer does things in the kingdom of our Lord.

It takes money to do worthwhile work. No institution or organization can function without a financial budget. Surely the church, the greatest institution in the world, should be properly supported in all its endeavors to help others. We should give cheerfully and liberally to the cause of missions, both at home and abroad.

We can also encourage those who do missionary work. They are asked to work in distant fields, far from their loved ones, under distressing conditions, with meager salaries, and in view of slow and limited success. They need to be encouraged. Let us put ourselves in the missionary's place. Would we not appreciate a word of cheer, a letter, a gift, or a prayer? Encouragement is a benediction in the life of a missionary.

We should also plan to help others in the vocation which we choose. All of us should consider the possibility of entering a full-time church vocation through which people with special needs may be served. And when God says, "Whom shall I send?" some of us should answer, "Here am I; send me."

Even if we enter one of the professions or industry or homemaking, we should do so with the conviction that through our daily work as well as through our voluntary service in the church we can share in meeting the needs of others as Christians.

What Can Our Society Do?

A church in South Dakota brings in children from a nearby school for the deaf to attend church school and communicants' classes.

At a church in Nashville, Tennessee, a blind woman and a crippled girl recently contributed their talents to a special program.

A church in New Jersey started a mental health clinic in its community.

Another church has a basketball team for the crippled who play in wheel chairs.

What can we do to show our Christian compassion in our own community? It is not enough to build ramps on the church for wheel chairs or to provide transportation for those who cannot walk to church. We must recognize that the handicapped person has something to *give* to the worship and service of God. All of us have a special need of one kind or another, even those of us who have only a bad disposition that robs us of friends, and all of us need to become active participants in the fellowship of Christ and the church.

(Here you should take time to plan a project in this area or refer the matter to the Missionary Committee or another committee in your society. It is not enough to talk about what should be done; do something!)

Recognizing Our Opportunities

There is a legend of an artist who long sought for a piece of sandalwood out of which to carve a likeness of Mary, the mother of Jesus. At last he was about to give up in despair, leaving the vision of his life unrealized, when in a dream he was told to shape the figure from a block of oak wood which was destined for the fire. Obeying the command, he produced from the log of common firewood a masterpiece.

This is but a legend, but the meaning is plain. Many people wait for big and brilliant opportunities for doing the good and beautiful things of which they dream, while the very opportunities they require for such deeds lie close to them and in the simplest and most familiar passing events.

Questions for Discussion

1. What should be our response as Christians to people with special needs?
2. How can we include them in our church group and among our friends?
3. How can the church help persons of special need?
4. Is our church truly Christian in its attitude toward those who need our help?
5. What can churches do together that no one church can do alone to help others?
6. What are some of the distinctive contributions of social agencies that Christians should encourage and support?
7. What can people do through the church that a social agency cannot do?

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh, editor of BUILDERS, Evangelical United Brethren youth magazine

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for April, 1962. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.

Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M. Mar. 26 Christ Gives Peace John 16:29-33
T. Mar. 27 Christ Gives Confidence I John 2:22-29
W. Mar. 28 Christ Gives Life I John 5:11-13
T. Mar. 29 Christ Opens the Scriptures Luke 24:25-35
F. Mar. 30 Christ in Our Worship Matthew 18:18-20
S. Mar. 31 Christ First and Last Revelation 1:10-18
Sun., Apr. 1—Topic: Christ in the Center I Timothy 1:12-17
M. Apr. 2 Christ as a Boy Luke 2:40-52
T. Apr. 3 Christ Overcomes the Tempter Luke 4:1-13
W. Apr. 4 Christ Proclaims His Mission Luke 4:16-32
T. Apr. 5 Christ Chooses Twelve Disciples Luke 6:13-16
F. Apr. 6 Christ a Man of Good Works Luke 7:19-23
S. Apr. 7 Christ Crucified for Us Luke 23:39-53
Sun. Apr. 8—Topic: Meet Christ in Luke's Gospel Luke 22:47-53; 23:1-15
M. Apr. 9 God's Eternal Purpose in Christ Ephesians 3:7-12
T. Apr. 10 The Fullness of Christ I Corinthians 1:30, 31
W. Apr. 11 Atonement through Christ Romans 5:1-11
T. Apr. 12 Righteousness through Christ Romans 10:1-4
F. Apr. 13 Reconciliation through Christ Ephesians 2:4-18
S. Apr. 14 Resurrection through Christ I Corinthians 15:12-26
Sun. Apr. 15—Topic: Meet Christ in Paul's Letter Philippians 2:5-11
M. Apr. 16 A Personal Experience John 4:39-42
T. Apr. 17 The Promise of His Presence John 14:18-23
W. Apr. 18 Christ Seeks to Enter Revelation 3:20, 21
T. Apr. 19 Christ Is Risen John 20:1-16
F. Apr. 20 Christ Appears to Believers John 20:19-29
S. Apr. 21 Risen with Christ Colossians 3:1-4
Sun. Apr. 22—Topic: Meet Christ in Experience Romans 10:8-13
M. Apr. 23 Help for a Stranger Ruth 2:11-17
T. Apr. 24 Help for Prisoners of War II Kings 6:19-23
W. Apr. 25 Help for the Enemy Proverbs 25:21, 22
T. Apr. 26 Help for the Hungry Isaiah 58:6-12
F. Apr. 27 Help for the Weak Acts 20:32-38
S. Apr. 28 The True Meaning of Love I John 3:14-18
Sun., Apr. 29—Topic: Helping Persons of Special Need I Corinthians 16:1-14

Senior High-Young People's Daily Readings

M. Mar. 26 Hear the Word of the Lord Ezekiel 34:1-16
T. Mar. 27 God So Loved John 3:16, 17
W. Mar. 28 Glorify God I Corinthians 6:19, 20
T. Mar. 29 Joy in Heaven Luke 15:1-7
F. Mar. 30 Temple of God II Corinthians 6:16-18
S. Mar. 31 Ambassadors of Christ II Corinthians 5:16-21
Sun. Apr. 1—Topic: Your Influence Counts Romans 14:7-14
M. Apr. 2 Early in the Morning Mark 1:35
T. Apr. 3 Out into a Mountain Luke 6:12-16
W. Apr. 4 Into the Wilderness Luke 5:15, 16
T. Apr. 5 In Gethsemane Matthew 26:36-46
F. Apr. 6 Ye Shall Receive Matthew 21:17-22
S. Apr. 7 Pray without Ceasing I Thessalonians 5:15-18
Sun. Apr. 8—Topic: "Teach Us to Pray" Luke 11:1-4
M. Apr. 9 Rejoice Greatly Zechariah 9:9
T. Apr. 10 Lift Up Your Heads Psalm 24
W. Apr. 11 Give Thanks Psalm 118:1-4
T. Apr. 12 Praise the Lord Psalm 148
F. Apr. 13 Let Everything Praise the Lord Psalm 150
S. Apr. 14 Prepare the Way Malachi 3:1-6
Sun. Apr. 15—Triumphant March Mark 11:1-11
M. Apr. 16 Man of Sorrows Isaiah 53:1-12
T. Apr. 17 Entering Jerusalem Matthew 21:1-11
W. Apr. 18 The Upper Room Luke 22:14-20
T. Apr. 19 Condemned to Death Luke 23:1-26
F. Apr. 20 Nailed to the Cross Luke 23:27-46
S. Apr. 21 Buried Matthew 27:57-66
Sun. Apr. 22—Topic: 'Behold, I Am Alive Forevermore" Revelation 1:10-18
M. Apr. 23 Unto Christ Matthew 25:34-46
T. Apr. 24 The Deacons Acts 6:1-7
W. Apr. 25 Help for the Needy Acts 11:27-30
T. Apr. 26 Bear One Another's Burdens Galatians 6:1-5
F. Apr. 27 Even Enemies Romans 12:16-21
S. Apr. 28 Cast Your Burden Psalm 55:17-22
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COMING EVENT For Your Prayer Calend

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MARCH

3- 4—Ontario, Roseville (Snowball Retreat
15-18—Oregon, The Dalles
30-31—Pennsylvania, Latrobe (Executive Committee)
30-April 1—Washington, Spokane
31-April 1—Michigan, St. Mary's Lake (Spring Conclave)

APRIL

27-29—Middle Atlantic Regional Confe Atlantic City, New Jersey

MAY

12—Ontario, Toronto (Junior Convention)

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Topics for APRIL

Apr. 1 Know Your Committee Proverbs 1
Apr. 8 Committee, Get Busy Matthew 25:3
Apr. 15 "Blessed Be the King!" Luke 19:2
Apr. 22 Good News Matthew 28:
Apr. 29 The Church's Mission Luke 19:

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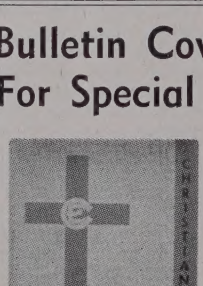

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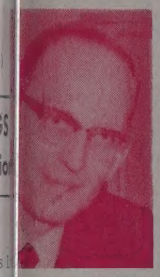
ns County (New York) Christian En-or Union held its 41st annual conven- February 12 at First Presbyterian ch of Far Rockaway. "Being Christian y" was the theme. Dr. El Dean Kohrs for the morning service, with Blaise speaking in the evening. Four con-ces were held during the afternoon n. Special convention sessions were for Juniors.



Leader of Bay State Christian Endeavorers is Rev. Edward G. Johnston, pastor of the Community Baptist Church of North Medford. In early February Mr. Johnston spent nine days in New Hampshire on an educational retreat. He has served as Massachusetts Union president since 1960.

American Bible Society is calling on Americans to read the resurrection mes- in the Gospel of John on Easter Sun- The Bible Society has prepared small, et-sized booklets titled "He Is Risen," able in English or Spanish, which in- the Scriptures to be read. Churches others may order them at the nominal of $3 per hundred. These are excel- for distribution in hospitals, jails, nurs- homes, and other institutions, as well or house-to-house calls. Single copies be given free to everyone who requests . Write to 450 Park Avenue, New York New York.

Congratulations to Dorothy E. Haeussler, who has been selected by the Rotary Club of Saugerties, New York, as an exchange student in the Experiment in International Living program. Dottie is the teen-age associate president of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union and is active in Christian Endeavor at the Reformed Church of Woodstock. She is 17 years old and a high school senior. After graduation she will spend ten to twelve weeks in Costa Rica and Guatemala as an "ambassador" to Latin America. The first four weeks she will live with a family to which she is assigned; then, with a small group of young people, she will travel extensively in the two countries. The major expense of this trip is financed by the Rotary Club. Dottie hopes to contact local Christian Endeavorers during her travels.

Colorado Union's president is Wilbur Schreiber of Arriba. At Bethel Church of the Brethren he has served as Sunday school teacher and superintendent. He is a past president of his local Christian Endeavor society and of Tri-County Union. A bachelor, 6,000 acres keep him busy farming and ranching.

A fine selection of Easter tracts, several in beautiful full color, is available from the American Tract Society, 513 West 166th Street, New York 32, New York.

Alpha Christian Endeavor Alumni Council of National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C., the theme of "Old Frontiers" for their January 8 dinner celebrating the 81st birthday of the ement and the 72nd anniversary of Alpha. Members of the District of Columbia Alumni Fellow- were special guests. At the head table (below, left) were (from left to right) Merritt L. Smith, national Society trustee; Mrs. Juanita Kennedy, mistress of ceremonies; Mildred Miskimins, in ge of music; ((below, right) Col. Paul Griffith, past National Commander of American Legion; Merritt L. Smith, president of the D.C. Alumni Fellowship; Dr. George R. Davis, minister of onal City Christian Church; (standing) Mrs. Myrtle Adams, past Alpha president; Finnel F. Estes, a past president; and Mrs. Ethel Peters, in charge of decorations. Old timers were given an rtunity to reminisce about the early days of the organization.

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Texas Endeavorers enjoyed a Chicago bus trip reunion in Dallas on January 25. Hostesses Mary Moffitt and Mary Redden prepared a Mexican dinner. Approximately 20 were present, including one out-of-towner, Wilson Porter of Houston. The evening was spent reminiscing and looking at pictures and souvenirs of the trip to Chicago last summer for the International Convention.

The third edition of *A Christian's Handbook on Communism* is now off the press. Almost completely revised (the first two editions were prepared to meet the needs of missionaries and Christians overseas), this edition is aimed at use in the United States. The revision was organized through the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature. Published by the National Council of Churches, cost is $1.00. This book may be ordered through the International Society Publishing Department.

Fred Gilbert, minister of the New Brunswick Church of Christ, is president of the Indiana Union. He is a graduate of Atlanta (Georgia) Christian College and received the B.D. degree from Christian Theological Seminary in 1960. Former pastorates include Pine Hill, Alabama, and Cicero, Indiana.

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Dr. William W. McKinney, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, recently edited the book "The Incomparable Snowden." Dr. McKinney, who is president of the National Reform Association and secretary of the Christian Amendment Movement, plans to attend the World's Convention in Sydney this year.

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